



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

TRIBAL ROUND TABLE

By MATT GOURAS – Independent Record - 04/22/08



Nations of Montana Monday during the 2008 Tribal Leaders Summit. The summit allows the governor the opportunity to sit down with tribal leaders to discuss issues facing their tribes such as education and drugs

Gov. Brian Schweitzer says American Indian reservations can lure businesses and economic development by promoting their pool of available workers.

SBA NAMES S&K TECHNOLOGIES 2008 ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS AWARD WINNER

Char-Koosta News

HELENA - S&K Technologies, Inc. has been named the Small Business Association's Region VIII and Montana Entrepreneurial Success award winner for 2008. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' business enterprise will be honored at an awards banquet in Billings on May 1, along with other outstanding award An

adorable shy Isaiah LaMere holds his award and check. (Courtesy photo)winners. The Entrepreneurial Success award is presented to a firm that started out as a small business and has grown into a large business.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Denny McAuliffe RezNetNews.org

SAN DIEGO—Farewell, frybread. Goodbye, Indian tacos. It was nice gnawing you.

BIG HORN, YELLOWSTONE COUNTIES MAY BE HOME OF MAJOR WIND FARM WOULD PUMP MILLIONS INTO LOCAL ECONOMY

By Michael Dillin, Big Horn County News

The Big Horn County News has learned that an international power development company is negotiating with landowners in hopes of building a major wind farm that would span Big Horn and Yellowstone Counties

ARLEE YOUTH WIN AT NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESS LEADERS CONFERENCE WITH FRYBREAD-IN-A-JAR BUSINESS

Char-Koosta News

Move over Martha Stewart and Rachel Ray, there's a new cook in the making. Isaiah LaMere, representing the Arlee K-6 AIBL



An adorable shy Isaiah LaMere holds his award and check. (Courtesy photo)

Chapter brought home 2nd Place, in the National American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) Business Plan Competition, with his Frybread-In-A-Jar business.

INDIAN LEGISLATOR ASKS VOTERS TO MAKE THE MONTANA INDIAN VOTE COUNT *Register to vote - vote absentee - or vote on June 3*

Char-Koosta News

"We must take the time and be a part of the election process if we are to have a voice. Help your friends and relatives to get registered and vote," says Sen. Carol Juneau, a Mandan-Hidatsa native and Senate District 8 representative.

FIVE MORE TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICT MEETINGS ANNOUNCED TO DISCUSS WATER RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE AND THE TRIBES' REORGANIZATION

Char-Koosta News (04/17/08)

Elmo District Tribal Council Representative Reuben Mathias hosted a district meeting last night. His was the first of five more scheduled district meetings planned throughout the reservation designed to discuss with the membership the water rights negotiations with the state of Montana and the tribal reorganization.

NATION BUILDING THE FOCUS OF BTBC TRIP, BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE FILM SERIES

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (04/22/08)

"The Blackfeet Tribe will work across the reservation with all members and residents so that everybody buys into nation rebuilding to improve tribal government," said Blackfeet Tribal Business Councilwoman Betty Cooper. She and fellow Councilmen Willie Sharp Jr., Paul McEvers and Sooney Little Plume, she reported, attended the Nation Building Conference March 25-26, hosted by the Tohono O'odham Nation at the Desert Diamond Hotel in Tucson, Ariz.

TRIBE HONORS TUFF HARRIS

Story & Photos by Ben Cloud CrowNews.net



Apsaalooke tribal members gathered at the multipurpose building on

Wednesday, March 12 to honor a dedicated and disciplined Christian man who always excelled athletically and now plays in the National Football League.

ABSALOKA MINE MAY EXPAND

By The Associated Press

HELENA - Operators of a 34-year-old coal mine that fuels power plants in the Upper Midwest and pumps money into the Crow Tribe want to extend the mine's life by moving operations southward, onto the Crow Indian Reservation.

TEB HIGHLIGHTS: STEPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

By Bonnie Red Elk Fort Peck Journal (4/17/08)

The Tribal Executive Board, at their April 14 meeting, took several actions dealing with

economic development, including re-advertising for an Economic Development director, appointing an acting director, approving an emergency budget to deal with oil and gas activities on the Fort Peck Reservation, and to earmark state funding to A&S Diversified to develop a project with a Culbertson company for oilseed packaging and shipping.

DREAM REALIZED: UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA'S NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER HOLDS GROUNDBREAKING

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian

Gregory Cajete told his audience on Saturday that the University of Montana's new Native American Center would inspire a new era in leadership, vitalize Native studies and become of cornerstone of tribal community.

FOUNDATION WANTS NATIVE AMERICANS INVOLVED IN CANCER STUDIES

MontanasNewsStation.com (04/19/08)

The Montana Cancer Institute Foundation makes an effort to partner with Tribal Health and Human Services on the Flathead Reservation so that Native Americans become the focus of cancer studies.

JOB VACANCIES:

REGISTERED NURSE: Division: Youth Services; Location: Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility; Salary: \$20,354 - \$25,442; Position No.: 64104250; Pay Band: 6; Bargaining Unit: MPEA; Supplement: No; Shift: 4 10-hour shifts (subject to change). Application Deadline: Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Department of Corrections by email, fax or hard copy. o later than 5:00 p.m., May 7, 2008. Application materials are available on the web at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp>

Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility
Attn: Julie Straub
4 North Haynes Avenue
fax to (406)232-7432
Miles City MT 59301
email jstraub@mt.gov

REGIONAL TECHNICIANS, (2 positions) are currently being advertised for by the **U.S. Census Bureau**, both in the Billings area. These positions are for working under the direction of the Regional Census Center in Denver, whose primary purpose will be to provide technical and administrative support for all recruitment, personnel, payroll, field data collection, group quarters, office and evaluation operations, automation activities, postal liaison activities, map/geography problems and publicity for the managers of the LCO to which incumbent is assigned in order to assure timely, orderly, and efficiently conduct the 2010 Census. A full job description including qualifications, how to apply, and salary range are available on the Denver Regional Office web site at <http://www.census.gov/roden/www/employ.html>.

MAINTENANCE CHIEF - Position #74023. State of Montana Department of Transportation, Helena. Salary \$80,844 Annually. Maintenance Chief for one of the ten Maintenance Bureaus statewide (current opening is located in Kalispell). Responsible for providing executive guidance and oversight of maintenance activities including long-range planning, program management, developing and implementing new maintenance engineering technologies and methods. The position jointly reports to the District Administrator and the Maintenance Division Administrator, and is responsible for management of 72 FTE in the Area and the oversight of between 130-150 personnel at any given time based upon seasonal requirements to provide for the safety of the traveling public. For a complete listing and to apply see us at www.mdt.mt.gov. This position closes on April 30, 2008.

EDUCATION & TRAINING SPECIALIST, POSITION #61403837, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$31,470 to \$39,337 DOQ. Develops and delivers retirement education programs for MPERA. Application deadline: Monday May 5, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=324

FIELD PROJECT MANAGER, POSITION #61102033, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$42,548 to \$53,185 DOQ. Provides oversight ensuring quality, efficiency, and cost effectiveness on major building and heavy/civil construction projects. Application deadline: Monday May 5, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=325

TEACHER, METALS TECHNOLOGY, Pay Grade:6; Position Number: 26111; \$15.05 - \$18.82/hr DOE; Classification Code: 252316; Bargaining Unit: MFSPE; Department: Corrections; Status: Permanent/Full-time; Division: Montana Correctional Enterprises; Shift: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / Mon. - Fri.; Supplement Required: NO

Application Deadline: Submit a State of Montana Employment Application to Montana State Prison, Personnel Office, 600 Conley Lake Road, Deer Lodge, MT 59722. This position is OPEN UNTIL FILLED. Applications will be reviewed weekly. (Attach a copy of the Reference and Criminal Background Check authorization form to application.)

Special Information: Upon employment, successful completion of Basic Pre-Service Training for Prison employees. Must be able to respond in the event of an emergency; able to work under stressful and potentially dangerous conditions. Successful applicant will be required to pass a physical examination by a qualified Deer Lodge physician prior to the start of training. The physical examination will be at the cost of the Montana Correctional Enterprise

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ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST (CONTRACT MANAGER)

#66456, Housing Division, Department of Commerce, Helena, \$28,139 - \$35,174. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: May 9, 2008.

EVENTS/TRAINING:

NATIONAL TRIBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (NTCEM)

6/24-26, Billings, Montana

8:00 AM

Billings, Montana

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (NTCEM) to be held in Billings, Montana from June 24-26, 2008. This year's theme is "Nurturing Mother Earth...Our People's Destiny" and the goal of the conference is to familiarize Tribes with Tribal and non-Tribal health and environmental protection initiatives.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN MONTANA

When: Friday, June 12, 2008, 8:00am to noon

Where: Red Lion Colonial ~ Helena, MT

Speakers:

Diana Pierce, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work and Director of the Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington

Bruce Weber, Ph.D., Co-Director, RUPRI Rural Poverty Research Center, and professor of agricultural and resource economics, Oregon State Tribal Economic Development Commission University

Questions: Please contact Dr. Bethany Letiecq at 406.994.7396 or bletiecq@montana.edu for more information.

MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL GRANT WORKSHOPS

August 12 – Great Falls

August 14 – Missoula

August 21 – Billings



Registration begins May 1st.

For Questions call (406) 444-3604

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) announces three regional workshops offering instruction and answering questions about projects funded through MBCC. We encourage all projects to send the Fiscal Officer, Project Director, and Program Coordinator to one of these sessions to ensure your understanding and compliance of grant requirements. Agencies interested in applying for grants through MBCC are also welcome to attend.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

SMART OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2008 SUPPORT FOR ADAM WALSH ACT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

DEADLINE: May 7, 2008

The Federal Adam Walsh Act requires ALL jurisdictions to have a registry online by July, 2009. This grant may assist in the creation and implementation of these registries. **The Montana Board of Crime Control offers no cost grant writing assistance to tribal partners and small law enforcement agencies to write and submit grants so that resources go directly to communities. The MBCC takes no administrative costs and does not charge for the grant to be written.** Please contact us at your earliest convenience if you are interested in the grant writing assistance. We need to connect your project leader with our grant writers asap.

We truly appreciate working with all of you and look forward to future projects.

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Main number: 406.444.3604

SAMHSA FY 2008 CIRCLES OF CARE IV: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES (CIRCLES OF CARE) GRANTS

DEADLINE: May 9, 2008.

OVERVIEW: The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based system of care to support mental health and wellness for their children, youth and families. These grants will increase the capacity and effectiveness of behavioral health systems serving American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. As a result, Circles of Care grantees will be equipped to reduce the gap between the need for behavioral health services and the availability and coordination of services for children and families in AI/AN communities. In FY 2008, SAMHSA is especially interested in projects that focus on improving the linkages between primary care and behavioral health.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: State and federally recognized Tribes and tribal organizations, including urban Indian organizations and Tribal colleges and universities.

AWARD INFORMATION: SAMHSA expects that \$2,141,000 in funding will be available to award up to 7 grants for up to 3 years.

CONTACT: R. Andrew Hunt at (240) 276-1926 or Andrew.hunt@samhsa.hhs.gov.

GRANTS TO TRIBES, TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND MIGRANT PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

DEADLINE: May 12, 2008, 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: The primary purpose of this funding announcement is to provide financial support to selected Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for child

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abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening marriages and reaching out to include fathers, that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

AWARD INFORMATION: Awards will range from \$138,963 to \$416,889.

CONTACT: Melissa Lim Brodowski at
Melissa.brodowski@acf.hhs.gov.

GO OVERBOARD GRANT (maximum award \$1,000)

From the Youth Venture website:

What is Youth Venture?

Youth Venture is a global movement of young changemakers. We are made up of young people – Venturers – from around the world who have launched lasting social ventures that create positive impact in our communities. We also include many supporters: adult Allies, Technical Allies, partners, and the Youth Venture global staff team. All of us believe in the importance of supporting all young people to become changemakers. If we are to become a better society that's more able to address the many social problems we face, then we must have more changemakers in the world to take initiative and create positive social change. We believe that you have to start on the path as a changemaker when you're young, while you're still open to the many possibilities of the leader you can become.

Our Venturers come from all different walks of life in many different regions around the world. There is no one type of Venturer, but rather what all Venturers have in common is their desire and motivation to create positive change. Venturers can address any type of social challenge they see, and they launch sustainable social ventures to tackle these social needs.

BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND/OR MEETINGS

Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-C2008-BAA-C1
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Creation Date:	Apr 22, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Dec 09, 2008
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment
Expected Number of Awards:	15
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$500,000
CFDA Number:	66.510 -- Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose

Grants within the Office of Research and Development

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:

No

Eligible Applicants

State governments
County governments
City or township governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Private institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Agency Name

Environmental Protection Agency

Description

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) soliciting applications from eligible applicants for the planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting of conferences, workshops, and/or meetings (hereinafter referred to as "conferences") that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Specifically, EPA is interested in supporting scientific and technical research conferences that address the following research program areas: (1) human health; (2) ecosystems; water and security; (3) economics and sustainability; (4) air and global climate change; and (5) technology. This BAA is open from December 10, 2007 through December 9, 2008. Applications must be received by January 7, 2008; June 5, 2008; and December 9, 2008 depending upon the cycle (as identified in Section II of this BAA) for which the applicant is requesting funding.

FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM (FTF) LEADER WITH ASSOCIATES (LWA) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Funding Opportunity Number: M-OAA-EGAT-605

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Creation Date: Apr 22, 2008

Original Closing Date for Applications: **Jun 02, 2008**

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Category of Funding Activity: Agriculture

Expected Number of Awards: 6

Award Ceiling: \$15,000,000

Award Floor: \$5,000,000

CFDA Number: 98.001 -- USAID Foreign Assistance for Programs Overseas

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Eligible applicants must be either: a US Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) registered with USAID; a U.S. nonprofit farm organization or other U.S. non-governmental organization (NGO); a US agricultural cooperative; a private U.S. agribusiness or agriculturally-related business; or a college, university or foundation maintained by a college or

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university. Moreover, applicants must have within the past five (5) years a minimum of two (2) years experience in planning, managing, monitoring and reporting on international agricultural development programs. For profit businesses must waive profits and/or fees to be eligible to submit an application. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

Agency Name

US Agency for International Development

Description

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) under the management of the Office of Agriculture is continuing USAID's long-term support for the Farmer-to-Farmer (FTF) Program. This RFA is issued to solicit applications to manage FTF volunteer programs under Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreements (LWAs). The Cooperative Agreements resulting from this RFA will enable USAID to continue its support for US voluntary assistance for economic growth in the agricultural sector at regional and country levels. The LWA mechanism will facilitate USAID Mission funding to expand volunteer assistance and impact on agricultural program element objectives.

(CHILDREN) SAMHSA SEEKS HOMES FREE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin.—SAMHSA); **Program:** Cooperative Agreements for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health—Project LAUNCH (CFDA Number: 93.243); **Eligibility:** States and tribal governments/organizations; **Funding:** \$5.5 million for six awards; **Deadline:** **June 12, 2008.**

Purpose: SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services oversees Project LAUNCH, which promotes the wellness of young children (birth to age 8).

Project LAUNCH defines wellness as a state of positive physical, emotional, social and behavioral health. For this program, behavioral health includes mental health and positive development free from substance abuse and other negative behaviors.

The goal is to create a shared vision for the wellness of young children that drives the development of federal, state, territorial, tribal and locally-based networks for the coordination of key child-serving systems and the integration of behavioral and physical health services.

The expected result is for children to be thriving in safe, supportive environments and entering school ready to learn and able to succeed. States and tribes are asked to build on their existing health, behavioral health and social service systems to develop and implement plans for young child wellness. Applicants also are required to implement evidence-based programs and activities to improve child wellness in at least one locality.

(JUNE DEADLINE) WOW HONORS WOMEN VOLUNTEERS

(Deadline: June 16, 2008) Women of Worth (WOW), a grassroots awards program offered by L'Oreal Paris, recognizes and supports U.S. women (age 18 or older) from

for their inspiring volunteer work and community enrichment initiatives.

This year, 10 WOW honorees will each receive \$5,000 for their nonprofit causes. Additionally, a \$5,000 donation will be made on their behalf benefiting ovarian cancer research and awareness initiatives, the philanthropy of record for L'Oreal Paris.

A National Honoree will be chosen via a public vote this fall on the WOW Web site, with the individual having a \$25,000 donation made in her name to her nonprofit cause.

OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND THE WOMEN'S BUREAU; WOMEN IN APPRENTICESHIP AND NONTRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS (WANTO) GRANTS - (SGA/DFA PY 07-08).

The Women's Bureau (WB) and the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA's) Office of Apprenticeship (OA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), announce the availability of \$1,000,000 to establish a grant program for the purpose of assisting employers and labor unions in the placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. This program year 2007 SGA is authorized under the WANTO Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-530, 29 U.S.C. 2501 et seq. To that end, the OA and the WB plan to disburse 2007 WANTO grant funds to three community-based organization (CBO)/registered apprenticeship program (RAP) consortia to conduct innovative projects to improve the recruitment, selection, training, employment, and retention of women in apprenticeships in the construction industry. Each CBO/RAP consortium must consist of a minimum of: (1) A construction industry RAP sponsor; and (2) a CBO (which may be a faith-based organization (FBO) with demonstrated experience in providing job training services (soft skills and some hard skills), placement, and support services to women for construction industry jobs.

Issue Date: April 22, 2008

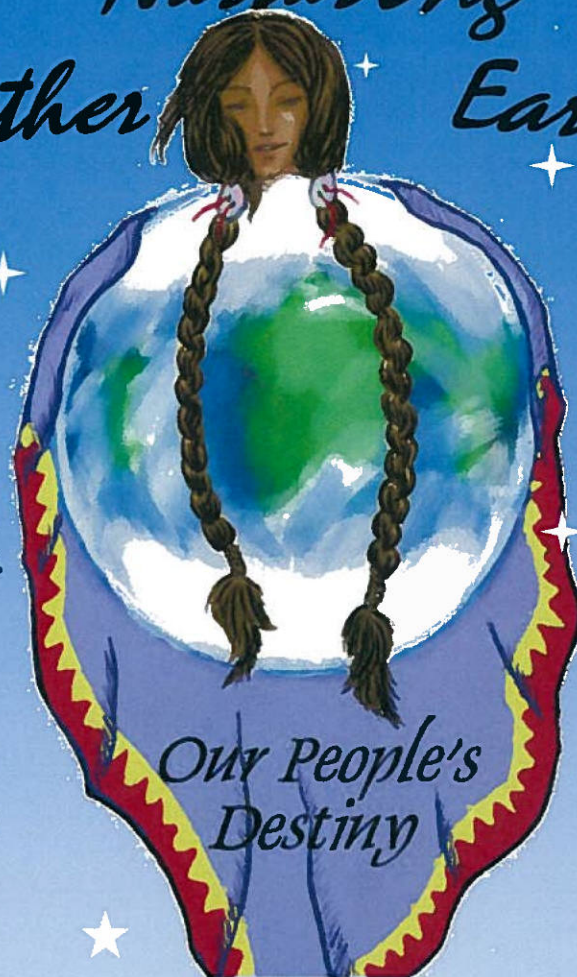
Closing Date: June 6, 2008

CULTURAL TRUST GRANT

Deadline: August 1, 2008

Applications are now available on the Montana Arts Council website or a paper copy can be requested by calling or emailing the Montana Arts Council at (406) 444-6430 or mac@mt.gov

Nurturing Mother Earth..



How your tribe can
save the environment
one breath at a time!

What are the
Tribes' priorities?

How can Tribes
manage solid waste?

Water, the life giver
of all things!

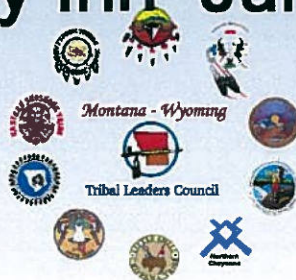
What does this theme
mean to you?

Heather Snell '07

The 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management
Billings Holiday Inn June 24-26, 2008

Registration through
April 30, 2008-\$150.00

Limited number of
scholarships available



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